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Letter dated 27 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am instructed by the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has the powers and responsibilities of the Provisional Government of Palestine, to bring to your immediate attention the enclosed memorandum dated 25 July 1992 from the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 30, 35 and 74 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Riyad MANSOUR
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Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Memorandum dated 25 July 1992 from the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization

On 23 July 1992, Israeli bulldozers demolished a Greek Orthodox church on the Mount of Olives in the occupied city of Jerusalem by virtue of an order signed by Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem, on the grounds that the church had been built without prior permission being obtained.

In this context, Kollek's Municipality is planning to demolish two mosques in the occupied city of Jerusalem, one on the Mount of Olives and the other on Jabal Mukabber, on the same pretext.

These assaults are being made on Christian and Islamic Holy Places in Jerusalem at a time when the Municipality of Jerusalem and the Israeli Government are continuing to build settlements, highways and other installations at the expense of expropriated Palestinian land and property in the City of Jerusalem, evicting Palestinian citizens from their homes and giving a free hand to armed settlers to acquire and occupy the homes of Palestinian citizens.

These incursions and the Israeli practices being put into effect by Teddy Kollek's Municipality on a multitude of pretexts are a continuation of the policies of successive Israeli Governments which constitute flagrant violations of the relevant United Nations resolutions and of international legitimacy and international law. They reveal, at the same time, the insincerity of the promises made by the Rabin Government concerning the establishment of a just peace in the region, demonstrate its persistence in violating and defying international legitimacy and destroying the foundations on which the current peace process is built, and they do the greatest damage to the efforts being made to build the confidence required to advance the ongoing negotiations.

On the basis of our constant concern for the success of the peace process, we urge the co-sponsors of the Peace Conference in the Middle East, the international community and all those forces that cherish freedom, peace and justice to make efforts and exert pressure in order to dissuade Israel from these practices, bring them to an immediate halt, submit to the will of the international community and to its resolutions and respect the rights of the Palestinian people in its homeland.